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Prior Application Art Unit: 1713

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SIR: This is a request for filing a Continued Prosecution Application as a:

☒ Continuation or ☐ Divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) of pending prior nonprovisional application Serial No. 09/210,539 filed December 14, 1998 for:

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by the following named inventor(s):

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The above-identified prior application in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

1. ☒ Applicants hereby petition for a four month extension of time. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0916 in the amount of \$1390.00 to cover the cost of this extension of time.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 1.22(b)(2)(B)(i).
3. ☐ Enter the amendment previously filed on [Date] under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 but unentered, in the prior application.
4. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. 1.53 (d)(4).

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- b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

6. ☒ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 and 4 above.

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$710	\$ 710.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	12	-	20	0	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	1	-	3	0	x \$80	0
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Subtotal						\$ 710.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						- 0
TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$ 710.00

7. ☒ Please charge the Deposit Account No. 06-0916 in the amount of \$710.00 to cover the filing fee.
8. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
9. ☐ A verified statement claiming small entity status  
☐ is enclosed or ☐ is on file in the prior application.
10. ☒ Priority of application Serial No. 9-362506 filed on 12/15/97 in Japan and application Serial No. 9-366176 filed on 12/25/97 in Japan are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy  
☐ is enclosed or ☒ is on file in the prior application.
11. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: YKK Corporation

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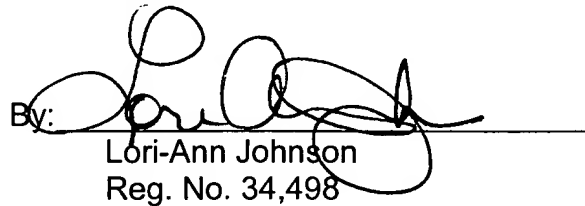
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14. ☐ Recognize as associate attorney \_\_\_\_\_

15. ☐ Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_  
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It is understood that secrecy under 35 U.S.C. § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that any member of the public, who is entitled under the provisions of § 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning either the prior application or any continuing application filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning the other application or applications in the file jacket.

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